

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS

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Sault Ste. Marie Forest Management Unit

2027 Year-of-Entry (YOE)

Sault Ste. Marie Customer Service Center-Large Conference Room

October 2nd, 2025

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review* to the Inventory database, reports and compartment maps presented [at Open House or for online review] for the Sault Ste. Marie Forest Management Unit compartment review. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

**Record includes an amendment describing a resolution approved via delayed decision process as documented on original posted record. See Compartment 200 – Page 3.*

Attendees

Lester Livermore – FRD – Meeting Facilitator, Rebecca Fitz – FOD – Meeting Recorder, Kenny Fanelli – FRD, Christian Gabler – FRD, Peter Costa – PRD, Scott Lakosky – FRD, Karen Sexton – WLD, Kevin Bryers – FRD, Jason Tokar – FRD, Rachel Leggett – WLD, Nate Plato – FRD, Josh Brinks – FRD, Cody Flatt – FRD, Cory Kovacs – FRD, Rob Shields - FRD

Virtual Attendees

Dave Jentoft – WLD, Troy Sumbera - PRD

Comments from stakeholders received prior to Compartment Review

No written comments received during the 30-day Public Comment Period or In-Person Open House

Compartment specific changes made during Compartment Review

Compartment 105 – Plato

Stand 97 & 5 change objective to red pine and add cultivation next steps.

Compartment 125 – Brinks

No Changes

Compartment 128 – Gabler

Add language to all treatments specs within compartment to follow Bat HCP.

Compartment 162 – Flatt

Remove phragmites comment from compartment narrative.

Add a site condition for survey to southern portion of stand 77

Compartment 164 – Flatt

Modify treatment for stand 107 to leave 2 white pine or 2 cherry, where present, per acre.

Leave all cedar except for operational purposes.

Compartment 167 – Flatt

No Changes

Cranberry Lake ERA Plan – Livermore

Fixed 2 grammatical errors within the document.

Removed the word "ext." from 2 places in management objectives section for clarity and precision.

Added language to Management Action regarding the dead-end spur forest access route clarifying the consideration for road closure would be for public vehicular access.

Added management action to "consider restoration management activities in the future planning period related to the dike."

Added acquisition dates to the photo credits.

Compartment 174 – Flatt

Stand 30 - Leave 1-2 trees per acre of red and white pine where possible preferably large diameter.

Remove additional comments about managing phragmites and clean up compartment boundary.

Compartment 188 – Plato

Stands 3, 6, 13 confirm whether a survey site condition is needed.

Stand 14, 31, 33 remove winter restriction.

Compartment 200 – Plato

Stand 22 - Re-propose the monitoring for invasive phrag. Next Steps of pesticide spraying (aerial, and hand).

Stand 23 - Propose a monitoring for invasive phrag. Next Steps of pesticide spraying (aerial, and hand).

Stands 3 and 4 - Add aerial pesticide spray treatment next step.

Areas in which consensus for management prescriptions were not reached at compartment review meeting; delayed decision process enacted, and resolution met at Assistant Chief Level:

Stand 18 - did not reach consensus for treatment at compartment review meeting.

Resolution Decision [assistant chief level]: Designate a 100-foot no-cut buffer around existing adjacent ERA boundary. No decontamination specifications within the approved prescription. Cooperate at the local level (WLD Lead) with the local CISMA to conduct a post-treatment invasive species survey in the growing season following timber sale completion. Conduct a pre-harvest invasive species survey.

Compartment 202 – Bryers

Stand 31 - 1 acre marsh area in south corner of stand that needs to be taken out of treatment

Along karst areas add 10-15 foot buffer for wildlife corridor

Stand 33, 39 - North portions (roughly 35-40 acres) add full suite of cultivation for red pine.

Southern portion is going to have an open clearcut/non-com harvest. Merge stands.

Remove oak planting from stand 39.

Compartment 203 – Bryers

Stand 20 - Remove area of treatment adjacent to Duel Lake; essentially increased the existing 100' buffer to 200'.

Compartment 129 – Gabler

Stands 31 and a narrow portion of 55 (essential edge stand 26) - add a no cut 25' buffer to the treatment. Change the RMZ language in the treatment to reflect the 75' feet beyond the no cut buffer.

Stand 27 - drop the south half of the stand from the treatment. Add 5C site condition.

Stand 70 - Add no cut cedar. Add survey site condition.

Drop treatment from stands 56, 25, 58 from treatments. Add Site conditions for 5C, and Unknown Access.

Compartment 17 – Radecki

In Stand 42 we settled on leaving 1 mature aspen every 2 acres to serve as future drumming logs in the stand.

We also discussed leaving brush piles for hares at a tentative density of 1 pile every 3 acres.

In Stand 60 we agreed to leave 1 hare brush pile every 2 acres.

Compartment 18 – Fanelli

Stand 42 in compartment 5 add a commercial opening maintenance treatment. Out of year of entry 2027.

Stand 2 remove language regarding gap creation.

Stand 65 add brush piles to the treatment area of 1 per 2 acres and green mark aspen at 1 per every 2-3 acres with a focus on overmature aspen.

Compartment 42 – Fanelli

No Changes

Compartment 43 – Radecki

No Changes

Compartment 51 – Fanelli

No Changes

Compartment 57 – Radecki

No Changes

Variance 45025 Hardwoods Modification – Fanelli

Modification to include to removal of the gap creation language from all 3 stand prescriptions. For [Compartment 45025] stand 42, 68, and 69: Modify target basal area to 60-80 BA.

All other language in the treatment prescriptions will be retained including seasonality restrictions and details related to deer wintering complexes and biodiversity enhancements.

Variance 45142029 Drop Burn – Plato

Compartment 45142 (YOE 2022) Stand 29: Current treatment is 121 acre prescribed slash burn to facilitate cultivation planted red pine operations. Previously approved next steps do not include Roller Chopping site prep treatment.

Proposing to terminate the prescribed burn and approve a roller chopping site preparation for the entirety of the stand. This will facilitate planting of red pine in a timely manner before treatment area becomes overrun with competition.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes have been agreed to.

Lester Livermore

Name


Signature

EUP Inventory and Planning Specialist

Title

12/8/25

Date